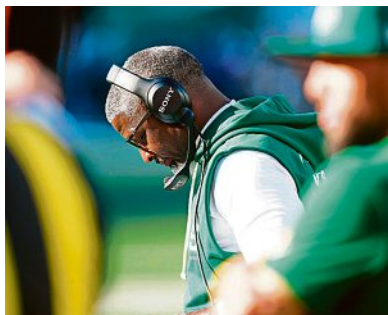




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Starz Hollow brought boost to businesses



Crowds gather along Main St. for Destination Starz Hollow on Sept. 26. JOSH BOLAND/DETROIT FREE PRESS

‘Gilmore Girls’ event draws thousands

Makayla Coffee
Livingston Daily
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Brighton businesses have reported varying results, including (for some) their best sales weekend ever, from the area’s third Destination Starz Hollow. The free, immersive event took over Main Street on Sept. 26-27. Destination Starz Hollow transforms downtown into the fictional town of Stars Hollow from “Gilmore Girls.” In doing so, the festivities draw thousands of visitors. The event’s organizers estimate more than \$10 million was driven into the

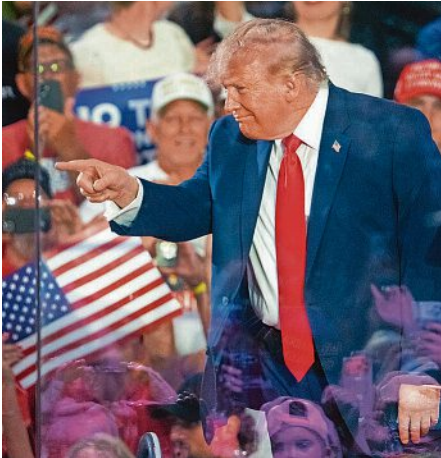
community in September, with attendees from across Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin.

‘My best weekend in fifty-one years’
Pat Bayless — owner of Wood ‘N Things at 200 Hyne St. — said this year’s event prompted her best sales weekend ever. The family-owned shop carries a range of decorations, and participated as an “immersive business” for Destination Starz Hollow. “This was my best weekend in the fifty-one years I’ve been in business,” Bay-

less told The Daily. While she didn’t share specific sales figures, Bayless described the weekend as “unbelievable,” pointing to high traffic, great weather and a positive response from visitors. Each year, she said, organizers seem to learn and improve from the previous year. Bayless believes attendance was also boosted by visits from prominent cast members Scott Patterson, Sean Gunn and Kelly Bishop. “It’s just such a positive thing for the city,” she said. “So many people that (haven’t been here) before want to come back.”

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ANALYSIS



President Donald Trump continues to bolster Republican voters across the country, saying they should “pretend” he is on the ballot. CODY SCANLAN/THE REGISTER

GOP scrambling to blunt blue wave

Zac Anderson and Joey Garrison
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – As he has criss-crossed the country in the closing stretch of the midterm elections, President Donald Trump has portrayed himself as the Grand Old Party savior who is boosting Republican candidates. “Every single place I go, people that are down are now winning,” Trump told reporters Oct. 23, as he left the White House to hold a rally in Fort Myers, Florida. Yet even as the president is working to rally his Make America Great Again base in the closing stretch, polling indicates the political landscape continues to worsen for the GOP, setting off a scramble by the party to stave off a blue wave that is poised to wipe away Republicans’ congressional majorities. Trump’s approval rating continues to plummet, threatening to drag down

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Dems: State GOP donation to James exceeds limits

Paul Egan
Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Michigan Democrats have filed a campaign finance complaint against the Republican candidate for governor and the Michigan Republican Party. The complaint, filed Oct. 23 with the Michigan Bureau of Elections, alleges the gubernatorial campaign of U.S. Rep.



Hertel

John James is illegally coordinating with the state party on a TV ad and that the money used to pay for the ad exceeds campaign contribution limits. On Oct. 23, the James campaign reported receiving a \$1.8 million in-kind contribution from the state GOP in the form of production and

broadcast of a paid political advertisement. The complaint alleges that contribution exceeds the \$166,500 limit the Michigan Campaign Finance Act sets for state party contributions to a candidate for governor. The complaint alleges the TV ad is receiving the candidate TV rate, which is not provided to political parties. “We urge Michigan television stations to immediately cease providing

the Michigan Republican Party with the candidate TV ad rate, and instead charge the Michigan Republican Party the standard issue advocacy rate,” Michigan Democratic Party Chair Curtis Hertel said in a news release. A spokesperson for the James campaign did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment. Contact Paul Egan: 517-372-8660 or pegan@freepress.com.



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